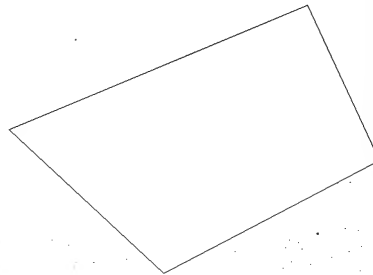




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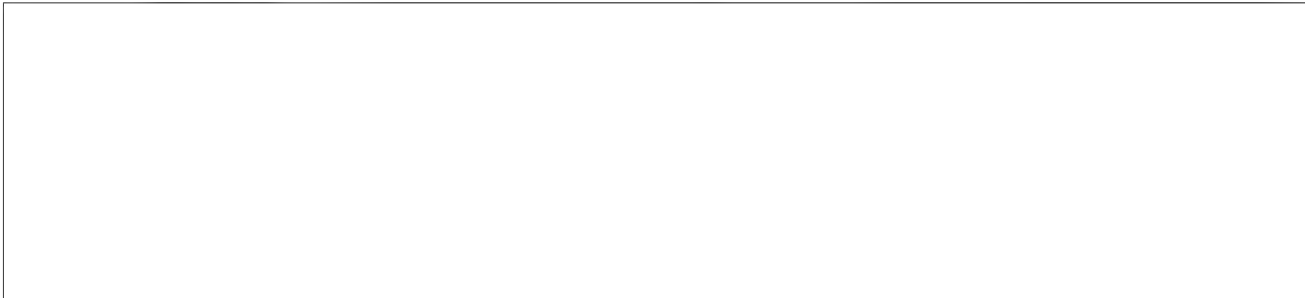
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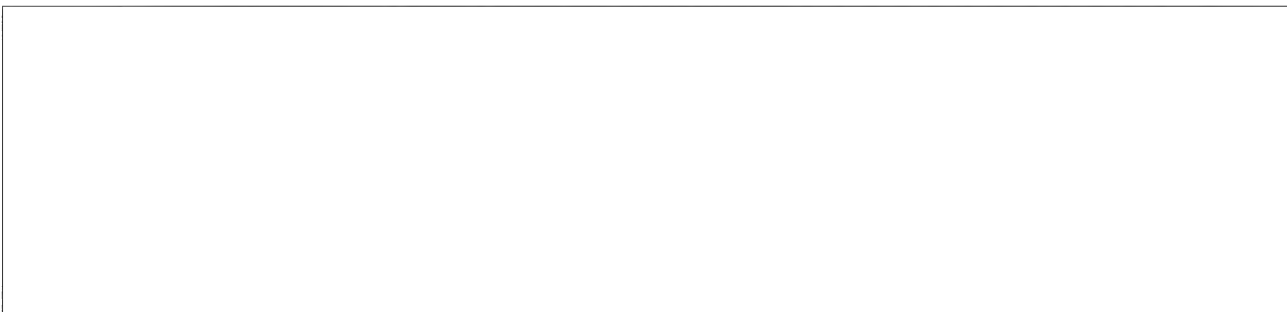


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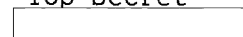


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BOLIVIA: Government's Prospects

General Garcia Meza has launched a policy of severe repression to consolidate his hold on power, but he still faces possible civilian resistance and dissension in the military. [redacted] 25X1

Garcia Meza has stated privately that he intends to suppress all political and labor leadership. The new government has already detained over 400 persons, but Hernan Siles Zuazo--winner of the June presidential election--has thus far evaded capture. Press reports indicate that Siles plans to lead civilian resistance to the new regime. [redacted] 25X1

The level of popular opposition to the coup--which we believe is high--may not become immediately evident. [redacted] 25X1

Heavy casualties were reported in Huanuni, a key mining area and center of resistance, before protesters were subdued by the military. [redacted] 25X1

Garcia Meza's new cabinet appointments are designed to induce military harmony by including several of the more progressive members of the officer corps, but conservatives control the major positions. [redacted] 25X1

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SOUTH AFRICA - MOZAMBIQUE: Aid to Insurgents

South African assistance is increasingly important to guerrillas of the National Resistance Movement as a result of the Mozambican Government's tougher counterinsurgency program and the loss of safe-havens in Zimbabwe.

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The guerrillas have come under greater pressure in recent months as the government has stepped up efforts to end the insurgency. They were forced to shift their areas of operation to weather a government offensive launched in February, and this encouraged Mozambican military leaders to authorize another operation in May.

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LEBANON: Prime Minister Designated

President Sarkis yesterday chose veteran Sunni Muslim politician Taqi al-Din al-Sulh to form a new government, according to press reports from Beirut. Sulh, a compromise appointment who has family ties to Syria and traditionally good political relations with Palestinian leaders, may have difficulty assembling a cabinet acceptable to leaders of the principal Lebanese factions, however, following the recent clashes among the private Christian and leftist militias.

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